LED Streetlighting Rebate Program Clarifications

Eligibility/Purpose Clarifications

This funding opportunity is only open to public sector entities and 501c(3) nonprofits. This includes, but is not limited to, municipalities, school districts, higher education facilities (including public community colleges), nonprofits, houses of worship, nonprofit and multifamily. Applicants (or any meters) that are covered under the "Residential" utility programs are not eligible for this program. State and federal governments are not eligible.

Funding Clarifications

The Michigan Energy Office (MEO) will match utility rebates for LED lighting projects up to 25% of the total project cost. Total project includes materials AND labor. Labor can be contractual work for which proof of payment is required, OR in-house staff for which timesheets (signed by employee and a supervisor) indicating the time worked on the project and pay rate would be required as proof. Projects with utility rebates over \$10,000 are eligible, but the maximum payment to be made by the MEO is \$10,000 per project.

Timeline Clarification

All project work must have been completed on or after October 1, 2017. Funding will be awarded to eligible projects on a first come first served basis. Project work must be completed at, or before, the time of application. No "reservation" of funding can be done through this program. Once all documentation has been submitted if funding is available the project will be awarded. Any applications made without all required information will not be considered. Applicants can apply (with completed projects) until May 1, 2018 or until funding is depleted, whichever occurs first.

What types of lighting are eligible for this program?

The focus of this program is roadway lighting. Eligible types of lighting include, but are not limited to, post-top, cobrahead, shoebox, and barnlight style units, as long as its primary purpose is lighting of the public roadway or downtown district. The MEO will provide a rebate for any streetlighting LED lighting conversion that is offered by your utility company.

Are complete LED fixture replacements the only eligible expense for the rebate or can retrofit LED lamps count as well?

An applicant does not need to replace the whole fixture to be eligible for the rebate, retrofits are eligible as well. If it is a conversion to LED lighting and is eligible for a rebate from your utility company, MEO will match that rebate as described above in the "Funding Clarifications" section.